

CITY OF NEWTON
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

Note: Below is a summary of Traffic Council actions only. A full meeting report summarizing the Council's discussion and public testimony regarding each agenda item will be posted on the City website in approximately two weeks following the above meeting date.

Present: David Koses, Traffic Council Chair; Sgt. Jay Babcock, Newton Police Department; Ald. Ciccone; Gloria Son, Traffic Engineer and Alicia Wilson, Resident member
Also Present: Ald. Fuller, Leary and Lennon

HP4-15 DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting two handicap parking spaces on Temple Street, near the entrance to the Temple Shalom parking lot. (Ward 3) [07/31/15 @ 4:00 PM]

Newton Commission on Disability voted to recommend 2 spaces on 09/21/15.

ACTION: APPROVE AS AMENDED (5-0). Approve one handicap parking space on Temple Street near the entrance to the Temple Shalom Parking Lot. This item may be appealed through the close of business October 21, 2015.

TC91-13 JUDITH SIPORIN, 300 Franklin Street, requesting a parking restriction on Franklin Street, Weekdays, to deter commuter parking and address safety concerns. (Wards 7 & 1) [12/13/13 @ 1:48 PM]

HELD (4-1) Babcock opposed on 11/20/14. Hold for the following trial: No parking, Franklin Street, between Centre Street and Park Street, north side, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

ACTION: HELD (4-1, Koses opposed). Hold for the following trial: No parking, Franklin Street, between Centre Street and Park Street, north side, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. No parking, Franklin Street, between Centre Street and Park Street, south side, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

TC61-14 WILLIAM PAILLE, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, requesting to allow parking on Baldwin Street. (Ward 1) [09/12/14 @ 4:13 PM]

HELD (4-0) on 10/02/14. Held for trial of the following: Two reserved spaces in the inlet, to be signed the following: Underwood Staff Permit Parking, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, School Days. The Traffic Bureau will produce two parking permits to be delivered to the Underwood School Principal.

ACTION: APPROVE (5-0). Two reserved parking spaces on Baldwin Street, in the inlet adjacent to the Underwood staff parking lot, to be signed the following: Underwood Staff Permit Parking, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, School Days. The Traffic Bureau will produce two "Baldwin Street" visitor parking permits every year to be delivered to the Underwood School Principal. This item may be appealed through the close of business October 21, 2015.

TC60-14

WILLIAM PAILLE, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, requesting to allow staff of the Underwood Elementary School to utilize parking stalls along Richardson Street that is currently reserved for Parks & Recreation staff, and/or specific spaces in the Richardson Street parking lot. (Ward 1) [09/12/14 @ 4:13 PM]

HELD (4-0) on 10/02/14. Held for trial of the following: Existing “Parks & Recreation Parking” signage along Richardson Street to be removed. Seven on-street spaces to be signed the following: “Underwood Staff Permit Parking 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM School Days”. The Traffic Bureau will produce seven parking permits to be delivered to the Underwood School Principal. Also as part of the trial, five meters in the Richardson Street parking lot will be taken out of circulation and the following signs will be posted: “Parks and Recreation Department Vehicles Only 8AM to 5PM, Monday -Friday”.

ACTION:

APPROVE AS AMENDED (5-0). Five metered parking spaces that had been removed from the Richardson Street parking lot and reserved for Parks and Recreation Department Vehicles Only, 8AM to 5PM, Monday –Friday as part of a trial, will become long term metered parking spaces. Seven on-street parking spaces on Richardson Street that had been changed from “Parks & Recreation Parking” to “Underwood Staff Permit Parking 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM School Days” for a trial will change to become the following: (a) six long-term parking meters; (b) one space posted as “Underwood Staff Permit Parking 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM School Days”. The Traffic Bureau will produce one visitor “Richardson Street” parking permit every year to be delivered to the Underwood School Principal. This item may be appealed through the close of business October 21, 2015.

TC2-15

ALD. LENNON, on behalf of Domenic Proia, 17 Peabody Street, requesting an amendment to the resident permit parking program for Peabody Street to not allow the contiguous lot provision (or some modification thereof) of the program and/or to assist Peabody Street residents to access the limited number of legal parking spots on the street. (Ward 1) [01/05/15 @ 3:09 PM]

HELD (5-0) on 01/22/15. Held for a trial of the following: All existing Peabody Street resident permits will expire on January 31, 2015. All existing Peabody Street visitor passes will expire on January 31, 2015. A maximum of 1 visitor permit will be available per dwelling unit for each address on Peabody Street, to be effective beginning February 1, 2015. A maximum of 1 visitor permit will be available per dwelling unit for addresses located on corner lots which are contiguous to a lot that borders Peabody Street, to be effective beginning February 1, 2015.

Note: The effect of this trial is the following: No resident parking permits for Peabody Street will be issued. All 22 housing units on Peabody Street and all 22 housing units on corner lots abutting Peabody Street will be eligible to obtain up to 1 transferable visitor pass, at no charge. This includes up to 1 visitor permit for each of the 18 apartments at 337 Washington Street.

ACTION:

APPROVE AS AMENDED (5-0).

All existing Peabody Street resident permits and visitor passes will expire on December 31, 2015. A maximum of 2 visitor permits will be available per dwelling unit for each address on Peabody Street, to be effective beginning January 1, 2016.

A note will be added to TPR-202 for Peabody Street: “Beginning January 1, 2016, a maximum of 1 visitor permit will be made available to residents of dwelling units located on corner lots which are contiguous to a lot that borders Peabody Street. These visitor permits are to continue to be made available on an annual basis, but only to residents living in these dwelling units who have a current Peabody Street resident permit or visitor pass. Resident of dwelling units located on corner lots which are contiguous to a lot that borders Peabody Street, but who do not currently have a Peabody Street visitor permit or resident sticker will not be entitled to obtain one.”

This item may be appealed through the close of business October 21, 2015.

TC17-15 FRANCES MANCINI, 28 Carleton Street, requesting “Resident Parking Only” on Carleton Street. (Ward 1) [03/24/15 @ 3:08 PM]

ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY (5-0).

This item may be appealed through the close of business October 21, 2015.

DISCUSSION ITEM: DAVID KOSES, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting discussion regarding adding Handicap parking spaces into the Traffic and Parking Regulations (TPR). [09/25/15 @ 11:29 AM]

ACTION: NO ACTION TAKEN (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

David Koses, Transportation Coordinator
Traffic Council Chair